

Dlug's flats, 553 Rathdowne Street, Carlton North

Heritage overlay: HO326

City of Yarra Property Number: 217850

What is significant?

Dlug's flat block at 553 Rathdowne Street, Carlton North was created in 1941-2 for Ester Dlug. The place has a good integrity to its creation date. Fabric from the creation date at the Dlug's flats is locally significant within the City of Yarra, compared to other similar places from a similar era.

How is it significant?

The Dlug's flat block at 553 Rathdowne Street, Carlton North is historically and architecturally significant to the locality of Carlton North and the City of Yarra.

Why is it significant?

Dlug's flat block is significant as a distinctive Moderne two-story flat design with tapestry and cream brick, hipped roof forms, parapeted vertical features, and chevron detailing to the steel-framed windows, plus curved volumes. It was a custom designed building by Architect, F Craig-Lore (qv) and distinguished as a good example of the significant inter-war phase of flat development in the North Carlton and Princes Hill precinct.

References:

Municipal rate books:

Rathdowne St 553, Carlton North

VPRS 5708/P0004

City of Melbourne / Smith Ward

Rate year	Rate no.	Occupier	Owner	Description	NAV
1942	1212	McIntyre Keith Leonard	Dlug Ester	549/51 Rathdowne St. No 1 Brick Flat, 3 rms.	80
	1213	Smedra Simon	Dlug Ester	549/51 Rathdowne St. No 2 Brick Flat, 4 rms.	90
	1214	Dlug Josiah	Dlug Ester	549/51 Rathdowne St. No 3 Brick Flat, 6 rms. and garage	120
1941	1232	Wilson David Reginald	Dlug Ester	549/51 Land and shed, 55 x 58'	7.5 35
1940	1240	Wilson David Reginald	Roff Exors.	549/51 Land and shed, 55 x 58'	7.5 35

VPRS 11202/P1, Unit 377

Date	Application	Cost	Description
30 July 1940	21431	£2,750	Erection of Residential Flats

Melbourne or Victorian directories:

Rathdowne St 553, Carlton Nth

Sands and McDougall

West Side

1944/45 Flats

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Appendix 7

1942 Flats
1941 Rebuilding
1940 Carlton Fuel Supply

Other references:

Lewis, 1985: BIF Australian Heritage Commission Criterion B2, E1) Princes and Rathdowne Sts (136 Princes St);
VPRS 11200/P/0004 Unit 561
Application 21431
Proposed Residential Flats at Rathdowne and Princes Sts Carlton for E. Dlug ESQ
Contractors Oceanic Corporation, York House, Melbourne
Architect F Craig-Lore, 118 Queen St City
Date Received 30/7/40